

NEWSLETTER

14 February – 20 February 2022

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ We are once again open for face to face Worship

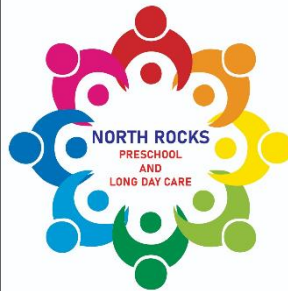
▪ Key Register

We are currently updating our office key register. If you have an office key please contact Cathy so that the number can be recorded.

▪ Newsletter of Mike & Jacky Hammond “*FREEDOM TO FLOURISH*” Feb 2022 can be found [here](#)

Community News and Notices

▪ **Preschool News**



The preschool is now open with a new name and new operators. Swati and Maneesh Pareek are very enthusiastic about starting this new venture here at North Rocks, and especially love the bush setting. If you see them, be sure to say hi. The centre has a new name, to reflect the change of management – **North Rocks Preschool and Long Day Care**. It is open from 7 am – 6 pm Monday to Friday. Spaces are still available, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, let them know.

Contact details – 0405 522 223, admin@northrockslde.com.au,

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Rocks-Preschool-and-Long-Daycare-108266601742934>

▪ **NSW Floral Art Association - Floral Design Seminar**

Members of the NSW Floral Art Association will be demonstrating Floral Design at NRCC **Feb 18-19**.

For a gold coin donation visitors can come to view the designs on Friday and Saturday 10am-12.30pm or visitors can watch the daily demonstrations for \$25 per day.

For more information please contact Sharryn on 0418 692 003 or by email to sharrynplace@gmail.com.

▪ Jazz on Hammers

After a long hiatus due to COVID, we have received the go ahead from Church Council Chair that we can recommence Jazz on Hammers under COVID precautions – the wearing of masks when not eating/drinking, and remaining at a reasonable distance from each other.

We are preparing to meet again next Sunday, Feb 20 from 6:00 pm. You are most welcome to attend, although if you have any symptoms of being unwell, coughs, sneezes, sore throat, headache... we ask that you don't come along.

▪ “Journeying with Paul”

Blacktown UC's next annual Biblical day “Journeying with Paul” is on Saturday 19 March.

We'll be looking at Paul's letters and mission. The focus will be twofold:


- How Paul's creative and adventurous “make-it-up-as-you-go” mission in the 1st Century helps us figure mission out in the 21st Century.
- Lectionary passages from Paul's letters and Acts from Easter onwards this year to help in preaching, worship-leading and Bible study.

Basic details:

- Saturday, 19 March.
- Blacktown Uniting Church.
- Arrive at 9.00 for a 9.30 start.
- Sessions run 9.30-3.30.
- Registrations essential by Tuesday, 15 March, please.

Click the link for the brochure for more information and all the practical details: eg cost (only \$15 including lunch!), location, and most importantly, how to register.

<https://microsites.uca.org.au/media/11897/journeying-with-paul.pdf>




**Blacktown
Uniting
Church**

*Shining the Light
of Christ*

Journeying with Paul

An introduction to Paul's mission and his letters for preachers, worship leaders and missional leaders, and for those who want to go deeper into the story and community behind the story.



Date: Saturday, 19 March 2022
Time: 9:00am
Cost: \$15 per person (lunch included)

Reflection of the Week

Sincere love hates evil and rebellion against God. It shows genuine appreciation and honour for others. It compels us to give to others who are in need even if it means sacrifice on our part. Sincere love is not selective but extends to people we find unlovable. It produces compassion that commiserates and celebrates with others.

What does sincere love look like practically? Love in action means raking leaves for an elderly neighbour, babysitting for a single mother, or cooking meals for a bereaved family—even when we'd rather do something else. It means taking time to share the Gospel with a non-believer, praying with an anxious friend, or encouraging a disheartened neighbour.

Many times, helping others will be inconvenient. The timing will be wrong for our busy schedules. The effort will seem too great for our tired bodies. The cost will be more than we can afford.

But true love involves sacrifice, and there is no better example of this than our Saviour. Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13).

This kind of altruistic, other-based love may sound impossible to maintain. And in our human strength, it is. We could never pay our "continuing debt to love one another" (Romans 13:8), but God gives us the resources we need to make our payments.

Prayer: God, help me to follow Your example of sacrificial love. Help me demonstrate my love for others in tangible ways. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.
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Ministry Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steve Lee / minister@northrocks.org.au / 0433 698 690

Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson Secretary: Jenny Keyte Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

Worship: Steve Lee Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska
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